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By Roy Jennings

PORTLAND (BP)—Booyed by reports of numerical and financial growth, messengers to the 116th Southern Baptist Convention approved a record \$35 million Cooperative Program budget, refused to dismantle their Stewardship Commission, and took stands on nine issues, including support of President Nixon's efforts to ensure peace in Southeast Asia.

During the three-day meeting, smallest in 22 years with less than 9,000 persons registered, the messengers also re-elected President Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., to a second one-year term, heard chal-

lenges from a battery of speakers on the denominational theme, Share the Word Now, and received progress reports from their 20 agencies.

The 1973-74 record budget, one of a dozen recommendations from the SBC Executive Committee approved with hardly a question, represented an in-

crease of almost \$2 million over the present budget of \$34,042,506.

However, the messengers raised lots of questions about a proposal to abolish their fund raising agency and transfer its duties to the Executive Committee before rejecting it for the second consecutive year.

Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, proposed the latest change on the grounds the Executive Committee could get churches to give more to the Cooperative Program. Opposing arguments centered on

consistent giving gains under the Stewardship Commission and the threat of centralization of power in the Executive Committee.

Messengers insisted on taking a clear cut stand supporting President Nixon's efforts to insure peace in Southeast Asia despite efforts to water it down in the resolutions committee and on the convention floor.

In the resolution on Southeast Asia, the messengers also expressed gratitude to God for the return of prisoners of war and servicemen, paid tribute to the Americans who lost their

lives and expressed grief at the continuing conflict and suffering.

Robert D. Lewis of Westminster, Calif., who introduced the resolution commending President Nixon's efforts in Southeast Asia tacked on the commendation as an amendment when the resolution committee's report appeared without it.

Chauncey Daley, editor of Western Recorder at Middletown, Ky., asked the messengers to make it clear they weren't expressing approval of the bombing of Cambodia and other military actions in Southeast Asia since

the ceasefire agreement, but they tabled his request.

The messengers also supported a resolution which took a slap at women's liberation while setting out the distinctive roles of women in the church and home.

Mrs. Richard Sappington, wife of the pastor of Cloverleaf Baptist Church in Houston, Tex., introduced the resolution after expressing dissatisfaction with the way the resolu-

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The Southern Baptist Convention met in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14, 1973, in its 116th meeting. This is the official convention photograph.



Convention Challenge—The command, "Share the Word Now," takes center stage for all speeches, reports, and commentary during the Convention in Portland, Ore.

N. O. Seminary Alumni Honors Mississippian

PORTLAND, June 12 — The alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary met here Wednesday of last week for their annual alumni luncheon, news that the organization had exceeded its goal of \$10,000 for student aid, presentation of the faculty award, and an address by Seminary President Grady C. Cothen.

The seminary alumni adopted student aid as an immediate and ongoing permanent project last year and set a goal of \$10,000. The organization surpassed the goal and set a new goal of \$12,000 for next year.

The Faculty Alumni Award for the most outstanding alumnus went to Mrs. Marjorie C. Rowden, director of public relations and assistant professor in the philosophy and religion department of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mrs. Rowden holds the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

The luncheon was climaxed by Dr. Cothen's address, in which he reported an increased student body, construction of a new and major renovation of other campus buildings.

A new slate of national officers was elected, headed by Bernard M. Weaver of Georgia, president. Others elected were Gil Barrow of Florida, vice-president; Donald Jackson of California, treasurer; and Mary Kathryn Black of Maryland, secretary.

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Southern Baptists In City Of Roses

An Editorial Report

What do Southern Baptists do when they assemble for one of their annual conventions, and have no major divisive issues confronting them? They act like Southern Baptists!

They deal with their business and handle the issues which come before them in their own traditional manner. Their conservative theological stance almost always comes through clearly and positively.

A few months ago in a meeting of Southern Baptist state paper editors, a speaker suggested that the time may be approaching when effective mission work may have to be done largely through ecumenical organization. In other words, he was saying that there might have to be one united Christian witness in each country, rather than the multiple witness which exists today.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, was present for the meeting, and was asked the direct question, "How will Southern Baptists respond to such a proposal?" His response was unhesitant, "As Southern Baptists."

Dr. Cauthen's meaning was clearly under-

stood by all present. Southern Baptists have their own convictions concerning how foreign mission work should be done, and they have no interest whatever in making the compromises in their message, which might be necessary in order to enter into such a proposed ecumenical unified witness. No matter what others may do, they will continue their own proclamation of the gospel of Christ exactly as they believe it.

This statement of Dr. Cauthen came to mind in Portland. The messengers assembled for that convention acted like Southern Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention is made up of Bible believing, Christ exalting, God loving, evangelistically oriented, missionary impassioned people, and their whole program is based upon this theological foundation. It also determines their actions when they come together in convention.

A Typical Convention

This was very evident in the beautiful "City of Roses" in the great Northwest, where the annual Southern Baptist Convention was held

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SBC CONVENTION OFFICERS — At the 116th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, messengers elected officers to one year terms. Left to right are James E. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Tex., elected first vice president; Owen Cooper, retired businessman from Yazoo City, Miss., reelected to his second term as president; and Clifton W. Brannon, Longview, Tex.-based evangelist.

Cooper 'Speaks Out' At Press Conference In Portland

PORTLAND, June 13 — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, grilled by newsmen in a press conference here, endorsed abortion in certain circumstances and advocated the death penalty, but denied his positions were inconsistent.

Owen Cooper, 65-year-old industrialist who retired last month as chairman of the board for Mississippi

Chemical Corp., in Yazoo City, Miss., added that he felt the U. S. Supreme Court had gone too far in advocating abortion on demand and opposing the death penalty.

In a wide-ranging discussion of subjects, the president of the 12-million member convention, the nation's largest protestant denomination, also touched on topics including the Watergate scandal, women's rights, poverty and welfare program, acceptance of black members in Baptist churches, and expansion of Southern Baptist churches in an era of general decline.

On abortion, Cooper said he felt the Supreme Court had gone too far in permitting abortions, almost on demand, up to the first trimester of fetal development. "Let that's too long to go," he said.

Cooper added, however, that he very much supported the stance of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted resolution of 1971 which urged Baptists to work for legislation "that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

Cooper said that although he advo-

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"Share The Word Now"—Theme Of Portland Convention

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Times have changed since Lewis and Clark explored the Pacific Northwest. The mode of travel was by foot, raft or horseback. Last week 8600 Southern Baptist messengers and their families made the northwest passage by car and bus and train and plane. Hundreds crossed the United States in five hours or less.

Southern Baptists of the Northwest had been making preparation for a long time, getting ready for the convention in Portland, the first such meeting ever to be held in their part of the country. In warm and friendly

welcome, they rolled out the red carpets in the City of Roses.

All Portland's hotels were full of Southern Baptists and other available places were sought out as well. Some Baptists — including some Mississippi ministers — spent the week at a Catholic girls' school. They reported that the sisters treated them royally.

On Sunday evening, June 10, the Home Mission Board and the WMU threw a birthday reception for the 25 year - old Northwest Baptist Convention and 3,700 people came.

Flooding into the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall, they swept through a line of welcoming VIPs, ate 35

huge birthday cakes, gulped 85 gallons of punch, and munched a case

of Red Carpet Catering Service said that the reception was the largest of its kind he had catered in Portland. Baptist churches in the Northwest Convention dismissed Sunday evening services to attend. Don Stringer, executive secretary of Northwest Bap-

tists, said people had come from Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

Though the methods of travel have changed since the days of Lewis and Clark, the magnificent scenery of the Northwest has not changed. In the explorers' journal of 1805, the men recorded the discovery of a double waterfall, the top one 542 feet in height, and the lower falling 63 feet. In 1973, Multnomah Falls still sparkle and shimmer as they crash down the rocky cliff to join the Columbia River in its mighty gorge. Mt. Hood and

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State Men Named To SBC Boards

Mississippians elected to Boards of agencies and institutions of the convention are listed below. This is not a complete list including those already members of the boards, but only those elected at this convention. Except in cases of filling unexpired terms, individuals are elected for four year terms.

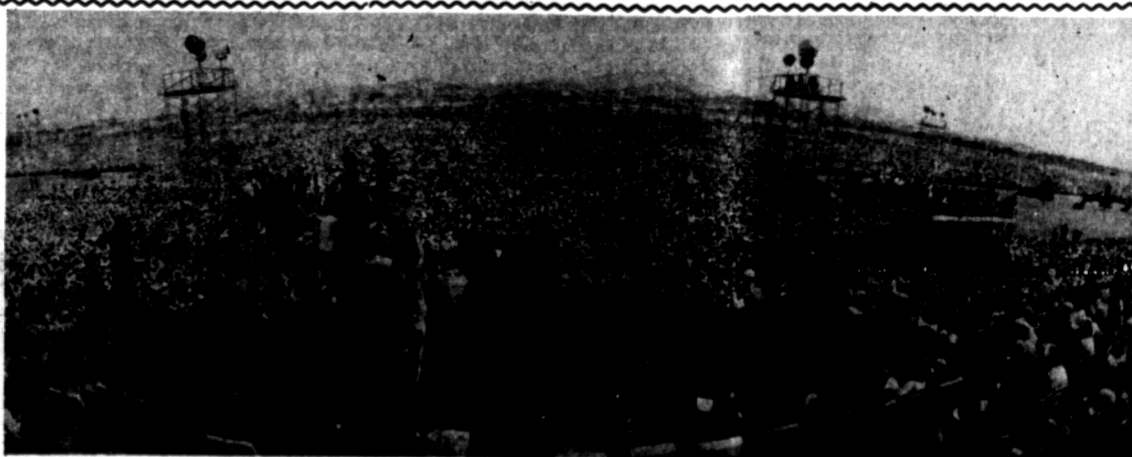
Executive Committee: James H. Anderson, layman, Starkville.

Home Mission Board: Lewis Myers, layman, Cleveland.

Sunday School Board: Rev. Bobby C. Perry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Moss Point. Mr. Perry also was named to the Committee on Committees.

Annuity Board: William A. Crabill,

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Graham Speaks To Closing Rally Of Seoul Crusade

SEOUL, Korea — Evangelist Billy Graham spoke to the proclamation of the Christian Gospel. Calculating an estimated one million Koreans at the closing rally the totals were local crusade officials. The five-day Sunday, June 3, in YoiDo Plaza, the largest crowd Seoul Crusade closed with over three million hearing Graham has spoken to in his thirty year evangelistic the gospel. (Crusade Photo by Russ Busby).

career, and probably the largest ever assembled to hear

Convention Hears Reports Of Agencies And Organizations

PORTLAND — Twenty-two different agencies and organizations related to the Southern Baptist Convention presented detailed reports describing their efforts in 1972 during the denomination's 116th annual session here.

Each agency and related organization made both a written report and a special presentation during the convention, with the written report published in a 185-page "Book of Reports" and the actual presentations consuming 6 hours and 15 minutes on the convention program.

The reports were (expected to be) "received" by the convention as information. None of the reports from

the agencies, except for the report of the convention's Executive Committee, proposed recommendations for "adoption" or approval by the convention. (See separate summary story on Executive Committee recommendations.)

The written reports, as well as the actual presentations, summarized the work of each agency and related organization during the past year.

Longest reports, both written and otherwise, came from the three largest boards of the convention — the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and the Sunday School Board.

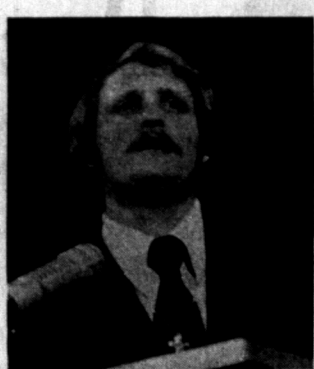
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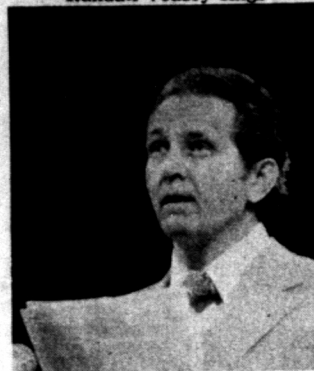
MOTION TO TRANSFER — Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., introduces a motion to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Portland, Oregon, which would transfer responsibilities now assigned to THE Stewardship Commission to the SBC Executive Committee. Messengers rejected the motion.



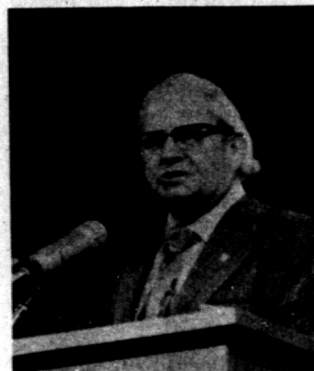
OREGON SENATOR — Mark O. Hatfield, Republican Senator from Oregon, responds openly in a news conference during the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland. In his private life Senator Hatfield is a Conservative Baptist layman.



Randall Veazey sings



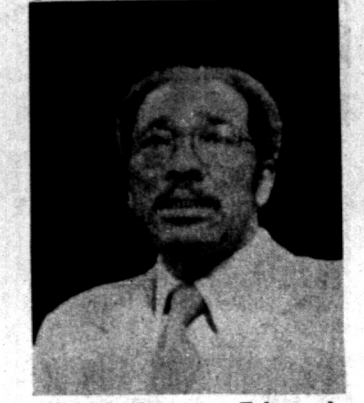
Harold Shirley, North Carolina, formerly of Yazoo City, presents resolution.



H. H. Hobbs, former SBC president, speaks.



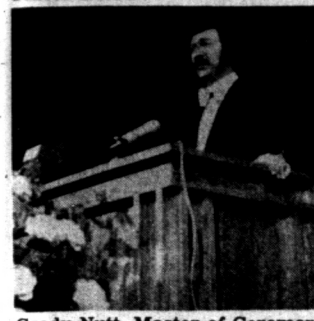
Porter Routh makes presentation to vice-president James Coggins



Fredrick Sampson, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, Thursday afternoon speaker



Duke K. McCall, Southern Seminary, presents award to James L. Sullivan, Sunday School Board



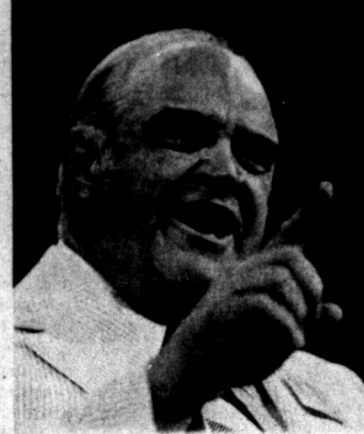
Grady Nutt, Master of Ceremonies, Share-the-Word Celebration, Thursday evening



Norm Evans of Miami Dolphins gives testimony Thursday night



Ralph Langley, Willow Meadows Church, Houston, brings the closing message, Commitment-to-Share



MAKING A POINT — Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., makes a verbal and visual point as he delivers the annual convention sermon.



MOYERS ADDRESSES BAPTIST WOMEN — Former press secretary to the late President Lyndon Baines Johnson and former editor of Newsday, Bill Moyers speaks to the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union. Moyers, who is currently public affairs commentator for the Public Broadcasting System, spoke on "Listening to America 1973."



Vice-presidents James Coggins of Texas and George W. Bullard of Pennsylvania

Some Personalities At The Southern Baptist Convention

Convention Hears Reports Of Agencies And Organizations

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The Foreign Mission Board, in its report to the SBC, noted that during 1972, 171 new foreign missionaries were appointed for overseas service, bringing the SBC's total foreign missions force to 2,507 missionaries serving in 76 countries at the end of 1972.

These 2,507 missionaries helped in church development and evangelism efforts of 6,554 churches with a total of 754,731 members around the world. Field reports indicated a total of 57,366 baptisms, the board reported.

In addition, the Richmond-based board summarized the work of its 454 schools with 73,483 students; its 19 hospitals and 214 clinics and dispensaries that ministered to 54,617 inpatients and 893,712 outpatients last year; its 28 publications centers, 19 orphanages, and 42 goodwill and community centers around the world.

In its report, the SBC Home Mission Board indicated that the number of missionaries serving under its sponsorship in the United States remained at the same level as the past three years — a total of 2,201 missionaries (a gain of one over the previous year).

The career home missionary force was augmented by 1,002 student summer missionaries, 350 of which were sent out by state and campus Baptist Student Unions, and 634 appointed by the board, which has offices in Atlanta.

An all-time record number of baptism (conversions) was reported during 1972 with 445,725 new converts baptized during the year. The record surpassed by 16,000 the previous record number of baptisms for a single year, 429,063 in the year 1959.

The SBC Sunday School Board, located in Nashville, reported net sales in 1972 totalling \$44,043,000, an increase of \$2,261,000 over net sales the preceding year. The Sunday School Board produces curriculum, books, films, audio-visuals, music, recording, church supplies and other materials for SBC churches and individuals.

Net earnings by the board were

reported at \$2,407,000. The new earnings were made available for capital purposes after the costs of all materials and programs were paid, the report indicated. Voluntarily, the board decided to refund \$415,000 to its church literature customers from the net earnings.

In its 20-page written report, the Sunday School Board summarized its accomplishments during 1972 in 15 different program assignments.

The fourth "board" operated by the SBC, the Annuity Board, reported added benefits and increased benefits for participants in its retirement and other plans. The Annuity Board holds in trust, funds exceeding \$300 million for retirement and other benefits of more than 38,000 participants, the report indicated.

The Dallas-based agency, reported that increased benefits went to more than 7,000 annuitants (retirees, widows and disabled persons) who received "13th checks" amounting to the size of two months' extra benefits; plus a permanent increase for all annuitants on roll at the end of the year by six per cent.

Participants in three retirement plans received a 10 per cent "good experience credit" increase in their accrued credits. In addition, more than 9,000 insurance policy holders transferred from the previous health benefit plan to a new plan with Aetna Insurance Company.

The six theological seminaries owned and operated by the SBC, each submitting written reports, enrolled a total of 5,964 students, an increase of 240 over the enrollment for the previous year.

The six seminaries and their total enrollments were listed as: Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., 317; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., 347; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, 720; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.

C., 699; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, 1,326; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, 2,406.

In addition, the six seminaries operate the Seminary Extension Department of the SBC, which last year reported 6,998 course enrollments through a network of 215 extension centers across the nation and a Home Study Institute offering correspondence courses. The Home Study Institute during the year received full accreditation by the National Home Study Council. The department is based in Nashville.

In another separate report, the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission, also in Nashville, reported on a \$750,000 enlargement campaign to benefit the Bible-college institution operated by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. The report noted that the school has not asked for an increase in SBC financial support for six years. The SBC provides \$95,000 a year to help support the school.

The SBC Education Commission, in another report, noted that for the first time in history all of the 53 Baptist colleges and universities operated by various Southern Baptist bodies are fully accredited. Enrollments at the 53 Baptist colleges and universities increased by more than 5,000 over enrollments in 1971, the report indicated.

The schools reported a total of 16,438 students studying for some church-related vocation last year, an increase of 1,661 over the number of church-related vocation volunteers for the previous year.

The Southern Baptist Foundation, which administers trust and endowment funds benefiting Southern Baptist causes, reported a trust corpus of \$13,884,232 at the end of its fiscal year, a net increase of \$2.2 million, which almost doubled any previous year's operation. Income collections set

another record, the foundation reported.

The SBC Stewardship Commission, the agency of the SBC which promoted total stewardship in the local church and the Cooperative Program unified budget plan of the SBC, announced plans in its reports to promote a "gigantic effort: between 1973 and 1975 to urge each church in the SBC to increase its Cooperative Program giving by one per cent. Called "Operation One," the plan would look toward the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program in 1975.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, the largest of the commissions of the convention, reported that it is now distributing 3,334 radio and television programs weekly, or a total of 207,480 separate broadcasts during 1972.

The Christian Life Commission, the social action agency of the SBC, reported on its work in the areas of family life, race relations, daily work, Christian citizenship, peace, and other moral concerns. Last year, the commission produced a new series of 15 pamphlets entitled, on family life, and a series of six pamphlets for youth.

The Historical Commission reported a total of 220 research projects during the year, produced an index of all Southern Baptist periodicals, published three new pamphlets and brochures, issued a three-year supplement listing all graduate theses in Baptist theological seminaries, and added more than 156,716 pages of microfilm material and 2,386 books and other printed materials to the SBC archives in Nashville.

The report of the SBC Brotherhood Commission indicated an increase in Brotherhood enrollments in Baptist churches, with 454,272 men and boys enrolled in Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador units, an increase of 2,734. The report also stressed expansion in the fields of lay witnessing, renewal, creative use of manpower resources, mission support and greater Royal Ambassador involvement.

Although not an agency of the convention, the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the SBC, in its written report to the convention noted that receipts in both mission offerings the WMU promotes to benefit home missions and foreign missions exceeded the goal in 1972. The 1972 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions surpassed the goal of \$6 million with receipts of \$6,069,603; and the 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions exceeded the \$18 million goal by more than \$1 million, with \$19.6 million received.

Another related organization, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs based in Washington, D.C., introduced its new executive director James E. Wood Jr., who assumed the post September 1 after several years on the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The public affairs committee reported on its work in church-state and civil liberties concerns in the nation's capital.

Another Washington-based related organization, the Baptist World Alli-

ance, reported that the total membership of Baptist churches in 105 nations in the world reached 32,804,398 last year, including 27.3 million Baptists who are members of 92 national bodies related to the Baptist World Alliance. The Alliance also reported on plans for the 13th Baptist World Congress, scheduled in Stockholm, Sweden, July 8-13, 1973.

In addition to the 20 SBC agencies and related organizations, two standing committees — the committee on Baptist state papers, and the denominational calendar committee — pre-

sented written reports to the SBC. The committee on Baptist state papers reported a total circulation of 1,695,783 by the 33 Baptist state papers published by the Baptist state conventions. The committee on denominational calendar outlined the schedule of proposed calendar events in the SBC for the years 1973 through 1978.

In each case, the reports of the agencies and organizations were (to be "received" by the convention, though not officially "adopted" or "approved."



CONGRATULATIONS ON 25 YEARS — Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Porter Routh (left), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, congratulate Northwest Baptists Cecil Sims of Tacoma, Washington, and Dan Stringer of Portland, Oregon, at a reception celebrating the Silver Anniversary of the Northwest Baptist Convention. Hunt is the convention's executive secretary. The reception was sponsored by the WMU and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at the Southern Baptist Convention which is being held in Portland this week.

Missions Superintendents Ask Place On SBC Calendar

PORTLAND, June 11 — The Southern Baptist Association of Superintendents of Missions voted here Monday to petition their denomination's calendar committee to find a day or week for an "associational emphasis" to be placed on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar of activities.

The unanimous action of the mission superintendents' organization came at the request of the Illinois Baptist Conference of Association Superintendents of Missions. The petition was presented by E. R. Cagle, Jr., president of the Illinois group and superintendent of missions of the Joliet.

During the discussion it was pointed out that several state conventions already observe such a season of emphasis. It was the desire of the group to give conventionwide approval to a season of prayer for associational missions.

Although no specific date was requested, it was the general consensus that some time in May or June would be appropriate. Newly elected officers of the asso-

ciation are Hugh Chambliss, Huntsville, Ala., president; Lawrence Chiles, Charlotte, N.C., vice president; C. Burt Potter, Jr., Omaha, Neb., secretary; Robert Helmich, Muskogee, Okla., treasurer; and E. D. Strahan, Champaign, Ill., editor of the publication, The Open Circuit.

State Men . . .

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layman, Marks.

Southwestern Seminary: Onous J. Wells, layman, Jackson.

Southern Seminary: J. Ralph Noone, layman, Hattiesburg.

New Orleans Seminary: Rev. Bob Marsh, pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurel.

Golden Gate Seminary: Charles C. Carter, layman, Jackson.

Commission on American Seminary: Rev. Richard Brogan, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Radio and Television Commission: Robin H. Mathis, layman, Houston.

More Convention News Next Week

H. C. Brown, Southwest Professor Dies

FORT WORTH (BP) — H. C. Brown, 51, professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1949, died early Sunday morning, June 10, at a Fort Worth hospital following several months of hospitalization.

Brown entered Houston's St. Luke Hospital after suffering an apparent stroke and undergoing surgery on May 16. Doctors repaired a damaged heart valve which had been implanted several years ago. Complications arising from the surgery have been identified as the cause of death.



SHARING THE WORD — Cliff Brannon, Dan Stringer, and Owen Cooper (left to right) offer 10,000 New Testaments to Southern Baptist Convention messengers. Brannon, a Texas-based evangelist edited this Soul Winner's version of the New American Standard New Testament; Stringer, executive secretary of the Northwest Baptist Convention, is expected to have 5,000 of these Bibles mailed from his Portland office into the Northwest area; and Owen Cooper, Southern Baptist Convention president, is a staunch backer of the "Share the Word Now" emphasis including the distribution of the 10,000 Bibles.

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tions committee rewrote an earlier resolution she had offered.

Warning of a great attack by the women's liberation movement on scriptural precepts of the woman's place in society, the resolution affirmed God's order of authority for his church and the Christian home as "Christ the head of every man, man the head of the woman, and the children in subjection to their parents in the Lord."

The resolution also reaffirmed "God's explicit word that (1) man was not made for the woman but the woman for the man; (2) that the woman is the glory of man; and (3) women would not have existed without man, henceforth, neither would man have existed without the woman, they are dependent one upon the other to the glory of God."

A resolution on integrity and morality in the American political system got the interest and support of most messengers, but opposition from a few.

Among other things the resolution reaffirmed commitment to the American constitutional principle of government with justice and integrity, called on Christian citizens to demand integrity of all politicians who serve them, and to personally involve themselves more actively in the American political process.

The messengers added an amendment by Bill Sherman, pastor of Nashville, Tenn., which called for "just prosecution of persons from any political party who are found guilty of maligning justice."

In a stand on alcohol and other drugs, the messengers agreed to encourage Congress and other government agencies to take action to control advertising of alcohol, tobacco and other addictive drugs and to ask for the broadest possible offensive to be mounted to restrain commercial promotion of those products.

Other resolutions approved by the messengers dealt with asking the SBC Executive Committee to look into the need for a major survey of ministries for senior adults, understanding and supporting national and state assistance programs helping the disadvantaged in need, preserving the unique character of Sunday as a day for rest and human welfare, and supporting the American Bible Society and Bible reading programs.

President Cooper, a retired agricultural fertilizer manufacturing executive, was re-elected without opposition.

The messengers also chose James G. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., as first vice president, and evangelist Clifton Brannon of Longview, Tex., as second vice-president. Clifton Allen was re-elected recording secretary, and to the mood of culture, particularly William Kendall, registration secretary. Both live in Nashville, Tenn.

In his presidential address, Cooper told the messengers the "state of the convention" was excellent with membership soaring past 12 million to 12,067,284 with a record number of baptisms — 445,725 — providing much of the thrust. Giving by Southern Baptist reached \$1,071,512, 302, passing the billion mark for the first time, Cooper pointed out. He also mentioned gains in Brotherhood, Sunday School, and church music.

While citing advances such as a renewed zeal for evangelism, an increased concern for missions, and an expanded involvement of the laity,

Cooper warned Southern Baptists not to slow down. He identified a host of problems in the home, society, government, and business which needed Baptists' attention.

Cooper listed such home problems as frustrated parents, rebellious children, generation gaps, child abuse, divorce and infidelity.

"In our permissive society there has never been more immorality, adultery, divorce, broken homes, sensuality, pornography and illegitimacy."

One of his main suggestions for the denomination during the next five years was to develop a program for enlisting annually a corps of voluntary mission workers who would annually donate 5000 man-years of service in association, state, home and foreign missions.

Twenty agencies of the convention made reports to the convention on their work during the past year, both in platform presentations and a 185-page "Book of Reports."

The Christian Life Commission, the SBC's social action agency, included in its report a 1,500 word statement urging Southern Baptists to tackle the problems of racism and other social and moral concerns.

Speaking to the report of the commission, Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the agency, called on the messengers to communicate a gospel which reconciles separated families, distrustful classes, suspicious nations, conflicting races and alienated neighbors.

In the report of the Brotherhood Commission, "Executive Director Glendon McCullough proposed a Co-operative Program of human resources involved in witnessing, caring, ministering and praying."

He said he envisioned pooling "manpower from our churches for the work of the church, community, association, state convention and all SBC agencies."

Cautious Reports

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, predicted Southern Baptists will send missionaries to China again, as he pleaded for 800 new missionaries immediately. The denomination now has 2,507 missionaries serving in 77 countries.

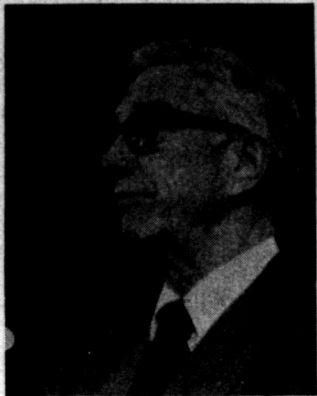
The emphasis on home missions featured a musical program entitled "Joy" and testimonies by such missionaries as Harold Heiney, missionary to the Indians near Wounded Knee, S. D. A total of 2,201 home missionaries serve in the United States, Canal Zone and Puerto Rico.

The 1973-74 denominational theme, "Share the Word Now," was emphasized in two major addresses by leading Southern Baptists and a celebration which featured Republican Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, Vocalist Cynthia Clawson of Little Rock, Ark., and Miami Dolphin linebacker Norman Evans of Hollywood, Fla.

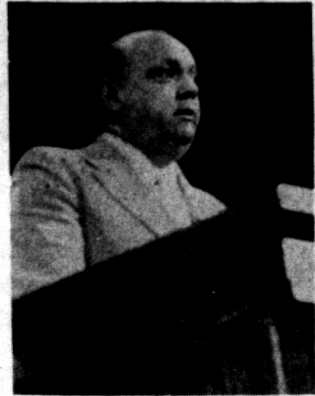
At a press conference before his three-minute address to messengers, Hatfield predicted a change soon in the Nixon administration's policy on United States bombings in Southeast Asia. He called the bombings "an illegal and immoral action." On Watergate, Hatfield said he was bored, but wanted to find the guilty parties and prosecute them. He called the Watergate incident "a stupid thing."

Challenging the messengers in key addresses were William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and Dotson M. Nelson, pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, who

Mississippians On Convention Program



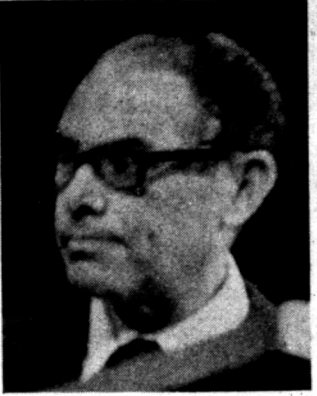
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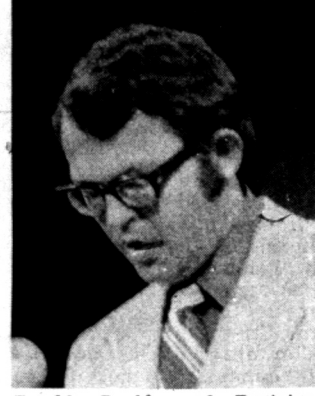
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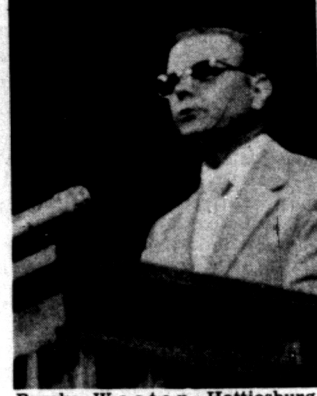
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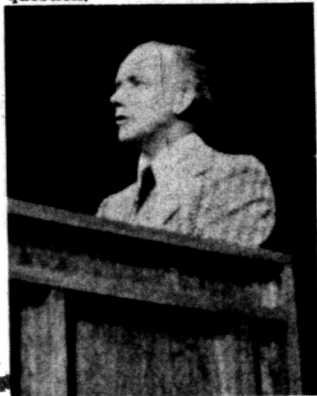
Earl Kelly of Jackson, Resolutions Committee, listens to a question.



Gerald Buckley of Pontotoc leads in prayer.



Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, gives part of Executive Committee report.



Raymond Lloyd of Starkville presents resolution.



Eva Aultman of Oxford and Columbia sings.



Levon Moore of Pontotoc shares in Sunday School Board report.

preached the annual convention sermon.

"Pinson urged the messengers to use the whole Bible as their guide and to apply it to all aspects of human life."

"If we share the whole Bible, we will deal with repentance and racism, faith and family, regeneration and revolution, sanctification and sex, hell and housing, heaven and honesty, and salvation and starvation," he said.

Speaking on the need to "Share the Whole Word Now," Pinson asked the messengers to tackle the difficult issues of the world with courage.

"Hiding in church buildings to avoid controversial issues while people in the world are being destroyed by racism, economic injustice, and political corruption betrays a lack of confidence in the resurrection (of Jesus Christ)," he declared.

In the convention sermon, Nelson pleaded for messengers to live lives void of ostentation, hypocrisy, purely personal ambition, and sought publicity. He cited four principles as guides for persons wanting to live their lives for God's sake — voluntariness, aloneness, positiveness, and self-judgment.

Frederick Sampson, black pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., served as Southern Baptists major preacher from outside the denomination.

Sampson's advice to Southern Baptists was to apply the mind of Christ in the area of race. He called for a brotherhood of blacks and whites under God.

Issues which interested Southern Baptists but didn't reach the convention floor included a single one-year

term for convention president, the selection of a president elect, and changes in the charter of Carver School of Missions at Louisville to provide for the Boyce School of Christian Ministry. The SBC executive Committee said it was holding the requested charter change for more study in September.

In looking toward the 1974 annual meeting in Dallas on June 11-13, the messengers named R. Jack Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., to preach the convention sermon, and James Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., as alternate.

The messengers selected Atlanta, Ga., as the 1978 meeting site and Houston for 1979. Dates for the Atlanta meeting are June 13-15 and Houston, June 12-14.

Evangelists Challenge Convention

By Orville Scott

PORTLAND, June 13 — Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper led a parade of speakers at the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists here Wednesday in calling on their denomination to organize its resources and get excited about Jesus.

Cooper, a retired Yazoo City, Miss., businessman who was re-elected to a second one-year term as president of the 12-million-member convention the previous day, said Baptists must use radio and television more if they are to reach an expected world population of six million people by the year 2000.

Cooper noted that Southern Baptists are spending about 12 cents a piece annually for evangelistic outreach through the Radio and Television Commission. He described it as a drop in the bucket compared to the annual advertising budget of one large soap manufacturer.

"People need soap, but we have something to offer that will do a lot better cleaning job than soap."

Cooper and other speakers at the evangelists' conference held during an off afternoon of the three day meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention called for Christians to "get excited about Jesus and be willing to take a little persecution for your Lord."

"If Jesus doesn't excite you, you must have callouses on your soul," said Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. What's wrong in the average pulpit is too much intellect, said Rogers. "Just because a river's muddy, doesn't mean it's deep. When you hear a man preach and don't understand how to be saved, God wasn't in it."

Rogers said most people have not rejected Jesus. "They've rejected our churchliness."

A Fort Worth evangelist, David Stockwell, warned Christians to avoid the "tongues movement" or glossolalia, which has caused divisions in some churches.

"God doesn't call people to run around with ecstatic experiences," said Stockwell. "He calls them for service."

Stockwell, a former football player at Rice University, Houston, said the hero of the Bible (Jesus) didn't die in the end. "He arose from the dead."

Bill Spencer, an evangelist from Broken Bow, Okla., said, "You have something to share, but the question is, 'Are you sharing?' You don't know what you have until you give it to Jesus."

Jerry Spencer of Brownsville, Tenn., was elected president of the conference succeeding Richard Hogue of Houston.

Other new officers are Vice President John Bos, Orlando, Fla.; Secretary-Treasurer Dan Womack, Memphis, Tenn.; Music Director Ed Stal-necker of Ripley, Tenn.; Assistant Music Director Bob Matthews of Lake Charles, La.; and Pastor-Advisor E. C. McDaniel, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

A Few Of Many Mississippians In Portland



Earl Kelly of Jackson visits the Southern Seminary booth.



At the William Carey College exhibit are, left to right, Thomas Howe (Texas), student; Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations; and Nora Brown Byrd (Mrs. Ed L.), Woman's College graduate.



Bob Sheffield of Prentiss and L. B. Atchison, superintendent of missions, Jeff Davis Association, examine Mr. Cooper's new book.



Robert Wall mans the Mississippi College booth.



Mississippians get together in the Exhibit Hall at the New Orleans Seminary display: Left to right are Clyde Little, Frank Gunn, Mrs. Frank Gunn, Mrs. J. B. Miller, J. B. Miller.



Danny Ellis — Mississippi's RA Page at the SBC.



Rev. and Mrs. Russell A. Herrington, new missionary appointees from Mississippi, are introduced to the Convention.

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EDITORIAL

Southern Baptists In City Of Roses

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last week. Portland, Oregon, hardly is a typical Southern Baptist city, for the denomination's witness is not strong there, but in most ways this was a typical Southern Baptist convention.

While it was calm when compared to some recent conventions, this simply was because no major controversial issue came before it. Some characterized it as a "tranquilized" convention because of its quietness through its first two days. There were some who felt that there was a changed "mood" among the messengers.

Those who concluded this were mistaken. Anyone who carefully listened to the speeches and reports and watched the response to them, or who mingled with the messengers either in the halls or in the book store-exhibit area, knew better.

These 1973 Southern Baptist messengers were just what they always had been. They were little different from those who represented their churches at conventions of twenty-five and even more years ago.

Major Concerns

Their major concerns in the convention sessions were the proclamation of the Bible, the preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; the evangelization of the lost world; the continuing of programs of preaching, teaching and witness by every possible means; the strengthening of the churches, and continuing the establishment of more of them; and the promotion of righteousness in every area of life, through faith in Jesus Christ.

As usual, some speakers sought to prod them toward a more active role in social areas. They listened respectfully and attentively, but revealed little enthusiasm for moving into social areas beyond those which are directly related to the proclamation of the gospel of Christ. They clearly were not going to be pushed into the social gospel stream where some denominations have become bogged down. At the same time they willingly accept the social responsibilities which are related to a positive witness to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Conservatism Comes Through

The conservative nature of the convention was manifested in its deep concern for the theme of the convention which was "Share the Word Now", and in the program built around that theme. However, that conservatism also came to the surface when decisive action was required. This happened on the last day, and brought sharp debate in what otherwise had been a very quiet meeting.

The awakening happened in connection with the last report of the Resolutions Committee. The issues were related to the Vietnam war, and to the place of women in the church and denominational life.

A resolution expressing gratitude to God for the ending of the Vietnam conflict, paying tribute to those who had made sacrifice in the service of their country, and praying for continued peace in the area, had been presented on the first day, and came as a recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

To this had been added an amendment commending President Nixon for "his efforts in bringing an honorable peace to Vietnam, and his continued efforts to bring peace to Southeast Asia." After this amendment was approved a motion was made to adopt a statement making clear that this resolution should not be interpreted as meaning that the convention "approved" of the continued bombing in Cambodia. An amendment added the words "or disapproved" meaning that the messengers were taking no position on that continued bombing. Sharp debate followed, and the move finally was effectively killed by tabling. This convention was not about to allow itself to be led into making any move

which appeared to "condemn" the present government policies.

"Women's Lib"

The second debate came in the very next resolution offered by the committee, and this provoked the sharpest debate of all. It related to "Women's Lib" although these words were not used. A woman messenger from Houston, Texas, the wife of a pastor, had presented a resolution on the first day which pointed up the traditional Baptist position on the Bible's teaching of the place of women, especially in the church and Christian work. The resolution made very clear the important place God had given to woman in all relations of life, as well as in the church, but also clearly implied that that place was not in such positions as the pastoral ministry. When the resolution came from the Resolutions Committee it had been completely changed, so that it was simply a general resolution on the places of leadership God had given to men and women in the church. The Resolutions Committee had the right to suggest such changes, but the maker of the original motion had the right under convention polity to protest the changes. In this case the one who offered the resolution did protest, and offered a substitute resolution which was essentially the same as the original. This fully recognized the places God had given to men and women, but clearly rejected "Women's Lib" ideas as far as church leadership is concerned.

This brought quick and lively debate. When the vote finally came the messengers overwhelmingly approved the substitute resolution, rejecting "Women's Lib" ideas. This once again revealed the conservatism of the messengers.

Only one other really divisive issue came before the convention. This was the previously announced effort of Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, to get the convention to reverse its action of last year refusing to abolish the Stewardship Commission and placing its work back under the Executive Committee where it had been before the commission was formed. Even though there was discussion on both sides of the issue, the move again was decisively defeated.

One other matter which is of interest to our readers, actually did not come to the convention, and probably would not have been controversial. This was the request of Southern Baptist Seminary to the Executive Committee to be allowed to establish the Boyce School of Christian Ministry to provide training for men who have less than a full college education. The Executive Committee postponed consideration of this request, thus delaying establishment of the proposed school, at least for this fall.

"Share The Word Now"

The real concern at Portland, however, was not these controversial issues. From beginning to end the convention program centered on the theme "Share the Word Now," and this reflected the spirit and interest of the whole meeting. Messengers unanimously adopted a \$35,000,000 budget to carry out the purpose expressed in the theme.

A special feature at the beginning of each session, with the exception of the two mission night programs, was a "Theme Meditation" presented by Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Sunday School Board. His subject in each message was the Bible and its gospel revelation. These were splendid devotional addresses, reflecting Baptists' belief in and love for the Bible, and definitely set the tone for each session.

Reports from the institutions and agencies revealed that their ministry does center in the proclamation of the word of God. The mission night programs told the thrilling story of what preaching that word can accomplish

both in America and in lands around the world.

The Radio and Television Commission reported that the estimated audience for its numerous gospel centered programs is more than 100,000,000 each week. The seminars used a visual presentation to tell of the convention's program to prepare preachers and others for preaching and teaching the Bible.

President's Message

The traditional President's Message by Mississippian Owen Cooper, called for the enlistment of every Baptist and the utilization of their every resource to "Share the Word" with the lost world. Some called it the finest presidential address in many years.

The convention sermon, by former Mississippian Dot Nelson, now of Alabama, reminded the convention that the true motive for Christian witness and proclamation of the word is God's command. His subject was "For God's Sake."

Perhaps the most meaningful session was, as usual, the Foreign Mission night, presided over this year by Mississippi's Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who is president of the board. The convention heard stirring reports of mission advance, was moved by the introduction of newly appointed missionaries, and was challenged by Dr. Baker James Cauthen's report of the need for 800 new missionaries now. Dr. Cauthen also told of newly opening doors in such areas as India, and said that he believes that China may soon be reopened to the gospel. He revealed that Southern Baptists will be ready when and if that happens.

On the Home Mission night the newly appointed Secretary of Evangelism was presented and spoke of the continued evangelistic emphasis of the board and of Southern Baptists. A special feature of the evening was a musical on Home Missions presented by an outstanding youth group.

The numerous other reports revealed the same unity of the whole program of Southern Baptists.

As always, at convention sessions, the music was outstanding. The congregational singing always is stirring, and soloists, small musical groups, and larger groups, all blessed the sessions with their presentations.

Convention Mood

The mood of the convention was calm and cordial, and President Owen Cooper, along with the vice presidents, did a superb job of directing it. After the last period of debate on Thursday morning, a messenger stepped to a floor microphone to commend Mr. Cooper for his fairness in presiding over the meetings. The convention responded with a standing ovation. Mississippian's felt a sense of pride, for they knew that one of their native sons really had done an outstanding job.

It was a good convention, although we would not call it one of the great ones. However, it was a Bible centered, Christ honoring meeting, from beginning to end, both in the convention itself and in the auxiliary meetings.

The Pastor's Conference, the Woman's Missionary Union Convention, the Evangelists' Conference, and all other meetings, evidently built their programs in relation to the general convention theme, and also emphasized the proclamation of the Bible message to lost men.

When historians look back to this Portland meeting, we think that they will have to conclude that in this session, Southern Baptists simply acted like just what they are, a conservative, Bible believing, Christ exalting people.

of the missionaries slain by a savage band of Aucas in Ecuador. It is the story of her co-workers, the first outsiders to live with the Aucas, and of the incredible Aucas Christians who have become missionaries to their downriver relatives. In 1957 Dayuma appeared with Rachel Saint on "This Is Your Life" TV show. This fascinating book is the story of Dayuma today. Above all, this story is a story of God's power and love working through God's word.

THE WORD OF THE LORD by John R. Bisagno (Broadman, 149 pp., \$4.95).

Nine sermons by one of Southern Baptist most widely known pastors and evangelists. The subtitle reads "Pastoral messages that meet the common crises of the Christian life." Thus it can be seen that these are messages for Christians. Subjects discussed include giving, service, believing, prayer, sin, the Holy Spirit and tongues, demon possession, and the Christian and the modern world. This is warm effective preaching from a pastor who understands his people and seeks to minister to them with the word of God.



Atheist Communism's Adversaries

On The MORAL SCENE...

Censorship of TV programming is primarily an issue to be resolved by the national networks and home viewers. Except for rare topical drama projects, commercial TV networks are not financially dependent on sponsor support. "Most of the sponsor business now falls into the category of a 'scatterbuy' in which an ad agency picks up twenty or thirty seconds here, or possibly a minute there, so that no single sponsor has the clout to call the shots on program content." Thus, the networks are able to free-wheel with what they show on the screen, subject only to audience protest and the tastes of monitors in Washington. (Show, May 1973)

According to information from the Department of Defense, the United States' munitions expenditure in Indochina from 1965 through 1972 was more than thirty billion pounds. In more understandable terms, what does this mean? "Basically, thirty billion pounds of munitions represents an explosive energy equivalent to 545 Hiroshima or Nagasaki bombs—one every five and a half days during the eight-year period. In terms of the people; of all Indochina, this sum represents 673 pounds per person—better than one 500 pounds bomb for every man, woman, and child. Including Indochina's land, it represents 163 pounds per acre. Finally, in terms of frequency throughout this eight-year period, this sum represents 119 pounds per second."

(From "Ecocide in Indochina," in Congressional Record, May 22, 1973)

The Progressive Tax Myth — According to Ralph Nader, corporate tax revenues have slipped to third place, behind both personal income and payroll taxes. In 1970, he says, more than 1300 people making \$50,000 or more paid no income taxes at all. U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel also paid no federal income tax. In the same year, Gulf Oil netted \$990 million before taxes, reports Nader. The tax rate for the company should be 48 percent, but loopholes permitted Gulf to pay only 1.2 percent in federal taxes. (From "Briefcase," Everybody's Money, Spring 73;

Malnourishment and Children's Problems — S. A. Richardson and associates at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine studies the activities of school-aged children who were severely malnourished during infancy (Journal of Health and Social Behavior, September, 1972). The children who were hospitalized for severe malnutrition had many more problems than their classmates in comparison with behavior related to classwork, social relationships, conduct, and friends. The picture that emerges is of a quiet and withdrawn child rather than an aggressive and rowdy one; but a quietness which is unresponsive, uncommunicative and painful. He has a poorer memory and attention span; is more distractible, less spontaneous and willing to contribute to classroom discussion. He doesn't get along well with his peers, has trouble with classwork, and displays conduct and behavior problems. (From "Roundup," Society, March-April, 1973)

EDUCATION...what's happening

Baptist College Enrollments Up

Declining enrollments in many different areas of colleges and universities have been reported in educational journals for months. Southern Baptist colleges and universities have an increased enrollment over last year, however.

The total enrollment for junior and senior colleges operated by Southern Baptists during 1971-72 was 90,862. Enrollment for 1972-73 is 96,336. These figures have just been tabulated and are being released now for the first time.

One part of this picture has to do with the splendid job being done by admissions directors at Baptist colleges and universities. Last year this group, numbering 80, met in Nashville for an intensive workshop in the area of student recruitment.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

"You look happy," James said to me as I hurriedly pushed a dish rag over the cabinet tops, finishing that ever-regular task of cleaning up the kitchen.

"Who wouldn't be happy with a whole gallon of orchid paint and a new paint brush?" I answered.

I could hardly wait to get back to smearing that soft-looking orchid paint onto the woodwork and certain walls in the kitchen, breakfast room, and utility room. Yes, orchid. Other walls will be covered with wallpaper when the paper comes in.

It remains to be seen if those walls will be the only thing covered with wallpaper since this will be my first attempt at wall-papering. Incidentally, it's fantastic how much good advice you get when you dispense the information that you are about to attempt something new. I have been told that there's absolutely nothing to wallpapering; that it's extremely difficult and should be left to professionals. I have been told to be sure to use pre-pasted paper; that there's no need to use pre-pasted because you have to add paste to it. Another item: matching the paper is a snap; use plain paper because you can never match a pattern. Still another: be sure to buy a tool kit; the tool kits are a waste of money.

The advice was well-received, and my purchases toward wallpapering included, without regard to the giver of the advice, of course, the no-paste paper, a tool kit, and a bag of paste to mix. In a couple of weeks, I'll have my own advice to give. So will my family, probably. I've been telling them for a year I was going to do this, but they all kept saying, "I can't believe you're going to do that." This week they've been saying, "I can't believe you're doing this."

But back to painting, one of my favorite home improvement projects. When I have finished this gallon of paint, the color of which was my choice, and have hung the paper, hopefully on the walls, we will buy more paint of other family members' choices and be involved in painting over a stretch of several weeks. All during those weeks the rest of life will keep going — cooking, cleaning, washing. Chances are I'll find those chores less time-consuming. It's fantastic what good motivation the desire to get on with something you'd rather do is to get you through something you have to do.

The second national admissions workshop is scheduled June 27-28, at the Southern Baptist Convention Building, Nashville. It will be led by consultants from Gonsler Gerber Tinker Stuhler.

Dr. Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary-treasurer of the Education Commission, said of the first workshop, "This was the most significant meeting in Baptist education since the Baptist Education Study Task of 1967."

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NEWEST BOOKS

SHARING CHRIST THROUGH CONTINUING WITNESS by Charles Treadway (Convention Press, 56 pp., paper).

The first chapter considers the biblical basis of witnessing; the second suggests ways for discovering prospects and maintaining a prospect file of unsaved persons; the third and fourth deal with steps of enlisting and evangelizing. The final chapter helps us see that evangelism is not something to work at for a short time but is and should be continuing. The author is a Mississippian.

COWBOY FROM CORRENTE by Sue Carter (Convention Press, paper).

A missionary story for children, this is a book about Brazil. Numerous photographs are by Warren Johnson of the Foreign Mission Board. Drawings are by Jack Jewell.

LIFE IN THE HEIGHTS by J. H. Jewett (Baker, paper, reprint, 266 pp., \$2.97). This is the continuing story of the bravery of Rachel Saint, missionary and sister of one

YOUTH WORKER'S GUIDE FOR A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM, 1973 by Mancel C. Ezell (Convention Press, looseleaf, 96 pp.).

This guide gives the summer youth worker specific information and administrative procedures to help him plan with the pastor, youth leaders, and youth of the church in directing a special program of activities during the summer months.

HE IS FOREVER by Ted Nichols (Praise Music, a division of Gospel Light Publications, \$1.95).

This musical, premiered at Explo in Dallas, is about Jesus, the central figure of time and eternity. It is written for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass and is most suitable for college or adult choirs with 12 or more members. Performance runs from 45 to 60 minutes.

AUCAS DOWNRIVER by Ethel Emily Wills (Broadman and Row, 121 pp., \$4.95). This is the continuing story of the bravery of Rachel Saint, missionary and sister of one

Cooper Speaks Out At Convention

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cated abortion in such cases, he did not feel abortion should be approved after three months. He said he felt there is a point at which the fetus becomes a living being, and that that point was not at the time of birth.

He indicated he was not sure either theologically or physiologically when the point might be, but felt it was before the end of the third month.

Asked if he favored capital punishment, Cooper responded quietly, "yes, yes." Asked if his stand on the death penalty was inconsistent with his position on abortion, he replied, "no."

On capital punishment, Cooper said he felt there are certain situations where the interest of society is served by eliminating those who commit heinous crimes against society. "Society has a right to protect itself," he said.

Asked to give an example of such "heinous crimes," Cooper cited the famous Speck case of Chicago in which eight nurses were brutally murdered.

He then was asked if he felt Speck was sane and if insanity was a defense if the death penalty was in his judgment a deterrent to crime, and if so, if executions should be televised in order to deter crime.

Cooper retorted that he was not qualified to judge Speck's sanity, but that he felt the plea of insanity is often the most effective plea of the moment for the defense attorney to use.

He did not advocate televising executions, saying he felt they should be handed "as a norm in our society."

Cooper said he was no expert on whether or not capital punishment is indeed a deterrent to crime, but said he thought statistics could be used to support either position.

In the lengthy news conference, Cooper touched briefly two times on the Watergate scandal, first to a reporter's query if the controversy had affected Baptist missionary work overseas.

Cooper replied that he did not feel the Watergate incident had hurt Baptist overseas missions efforts. Many of the countries where Baptists work have their own watergates, he said.

Neither has the Wounded Knee incident really hampered Baptist mission work with the Indians, Cooper said.

Asked why Southern Baptists seem to be growing and increasing their financial gifts when other religious groups face declines, Cooper said he felt Baptist concern for evangelism and missions, and the emphasis on tithing, had made the difference.

"Also, we are free from some alliances that turn off some givers in other denominations," Cooper said. Asked to give examples of such "alliances," Cooper told the reporters, "I'm not an expert in these matters. You know the answer better than I."

He emphasized he felt people would respond to the gospel, and to any group that holds up Jesus Christ and the gospel and does it with consistency.

"I don't believe you can do this if you dissipate it (the gospel) with overemphasizing social and welfare programs," Cooper said. "Now I'm strongly in favor of applying the gospel to social and moral issues, but I don't believe you can make the church the welfare department."

"The government can run a better welfare department than the church," Cooper emphasized.

He said he doubted the Southern Baptist Convention would address itself to the cutback of federal poverty programs, but that he personally had been deeply involved in some of the programs that were affected.

He said he had been chairman of the board of a state-wide program in Mississippi under OEO to provide Head Start services for 5,300 kids, and had been involved in another OEO program to build 2,300 dwelling units for the poor in Mississippi.

"As an individual, I've been working on this. But I do not see the office of the president (of the SBC) getting involved in such issues."

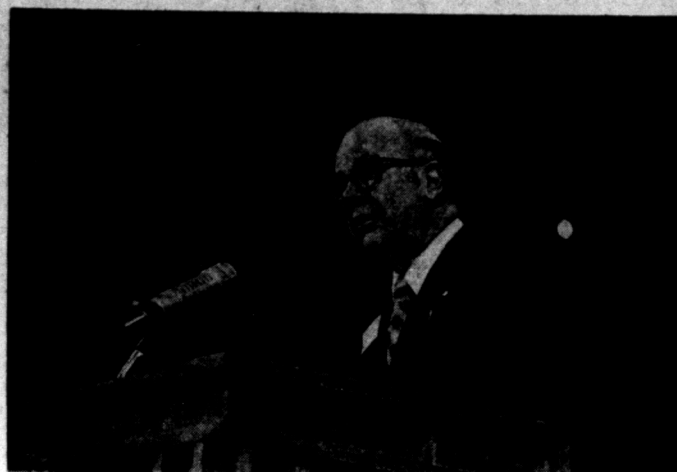
He said he had talked recently to President Richard Nixon in Washington to attend a meeting of the president's committee on education of which he is a member. He said he raised questions of the moral and spiritual tone of the nation with the President, and talked about two minutes.

Watergate came up at another point, when Cooper was asked if he felt Nixon should resign or be impeached if information was disclosed that he was directly involved in Watergate.

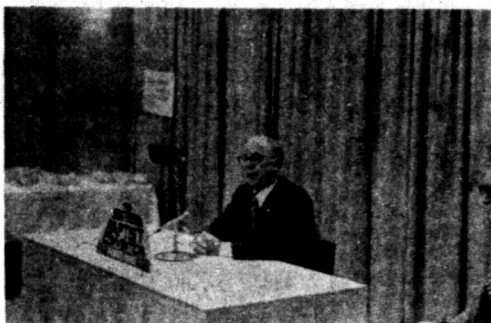
Cooper said he felt no intelligent judgment could be made without the facts, and that he strongly believed a man is innocent until proven guilty. In following the due process, if a man is proven guilty, and impeachment is the verdict, then due process should be followed, he said.

"In a sense, I'm involved in Watergate by not being positive and aggressive in dealing with the moral and social climate of the nation," Cooper said.

On involvement of women, Cooper advocated more women in top leadership roles of the SBC, saying: "There seems to be some difficulty in Southern gentlemen stopping aside and letting them take places of responsibility."



PRESIDENT ADDRESSES CONVENTION—Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, addresses the 116th meeting of the convention held in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14, 1973.



Mr. Cooper, As President, Has A Busy Schedule

Ten Baptists Offer Suggestions To SBC Committee Of Fifteen

By Robert O'Brien

PORTLAND, June 13 — Ten Southern Baptists with suggestions for improving the Southern Baptist Convention structure and services presented their views to the SBC Committee of Fifteen Wednesday at the Hilton Hotel.

The Committee of Fifteen was appointed by the SBC Executive Committee in 1970 to study the structure of the SBC and recommend any changes in organization it felt were needed.

Committee Chairman E. W. Price

Jr. of High Point, N. C., responded enthusiastically to "the positive spirit" of the meeting and said it would be a good idea for the SBC to set up a regularly structured feedback session each year for persons attending the annual meeting.

Price said the committee received the following suggestions: Robert Witty, president of Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla., said his school, which receives no Southern Baptist funds, should have recognition as a Southern Baptist school because its faculty, adminis-

tration and staff are Southern Baptists.

Witty suggested that Southern Baptists compile a list of independently operated Baptist schools in the category of his school to give them a Southern Baptist identity but no Southern Baptist funds.

Price said two persons expressed concern about finances of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Jack Johnson, a pastor from Del Monte, Calif., commented that the present formula for distribution of

funds to the seminary doesn't provide enough money for the faculty in an area where the cost of living is higher than in other parts of the country.

Jack Flanders, chairman of the Golden Gate board of trustees, said the high cost of living makes it hard for seminaries to attract faculty.

Flanders, a professor at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., said better financed colleges draw away good seminary professors.

Johnson, the Del Monte pastor, and Glen Paden, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Fairfield, Calif., suggested the possibility of forming one administrative board to govern the six Southern Baptist seminaries, rather than individual boards.

Paden said an advantage of a central board would be the possibility of central application for admittance and assigning the students on a geographical basis.

Price said George Euting of Nashville, Tenn., Southern Baptist coordinated program promotion specialist, asked that a more exact method be determined for listing evangelists in the SBC annual to make sure that all are Southern Baptists.

Charles Harvey, a pastor from Shreveport, La., suggested that the makeup of the SBC Committee on Committees and Committee on Boards be changed so members would rotate and provide better continuity.

Current procedure calls for a complete new slate of members each year.

Guy Webb of Newport News, Va., suggested that the SBC has too many publications, mailings and organizational meetings and suggested they be better coordinated.

Ernie White of St. Joseph, Mo., suggested that the work of the SBC Stewardship Commission and the Southern Baptist Foundation be more closely related since both are involved in fund raising.

Another observer, Bob Davis, a pastor from Seaford, Del., suggested that the multiplicity of Southern Baptist youth programs be correlated by the various agencies.

Gordon Davis, a pastor from Frankston, Tex., felt that Southern Baptist gifts to the Baptist World Alliance should be made more visible in the convention budget so more people could understand its purpose and benefit.

Currently, the convention contributes \$125,000 to the Baptist World Alliance through the SBC's operating budget, not as a separately listed item.

the missionary explained. She said Communist China's aid to Tanzania has dwarfed that of America and Europe.

Mrs. Mathis, president of WMU, reported on her recent tour of Vietnam.

One of a series of speakers on language missions in the Western United States told the women that the occupation of Wounded Knee, S. D. by members of the American Indian Movement resulted in a great deal of damage to homes and churches, but opened missions doors on the reservation to Baptists.

Harold Heiney, pastor of Sioux Baptist Chapel, Pine Ridge, S. D., attributed the openness to Baptists who risked their lives to help the residents. During the occupation, Heiney brought out about 40 people in his van under guns of the militants.

Mrs. Fern Powers of First Baptist Church, Lacey, Wash., outlined a ministry to international seamen her church performs.

Mrs. Powers and other members of the Lacey church meet ships from various countries, invite the seamen into their homes and church, and take them on tours of the Washington state area.

Democracy Is On Trial In USA, Moyers Tells WMU Convention

By Catherine Allen and Orville Scott

PORTLAND (BP) — Democracy is on trial in America today greater than at any time since the Civil War, former White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers told almost 2,000 women attending the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union annual meeting here.

Speaking to the women on the title of his book, Listening to America, Moyers warned that Americans are "like a huddled group of sheep, waiting for a political messiah."

"Millions of Americans seem to have lost their equilibrium," said Moyers who is public affairs commentator for the Public Broadcasting Sys-

tem, New York City. "So many of the virtues we believed to be indomitable have been shattered."

"The real crisis in America is neither technological nor environmental. The real crisis is moral and political," Moyers also rapped nationalism which he said has become a competing religion with Christianity. "Sometimes Christianity has been subjected to the subservience of nationalism."

Being citizens of both the political and Christian realms creates pressures for people who want to be useful to both realms, Moyers said.

"Modern man is uncomfortable with the responsibility of free will... but isn't it clear now that all we have is

you and me. America can be no more democratic than you and I."

Referring to the threat of ethical anarchy in government, Moyers said, "The greatest rebuttal you have is reporters trying to dig out what may be the other side."

Earlier, in a news conference, the former press aide for Lyndon B. Johnson told reporters that the Watergate scandal "is an unprecedented abuse of political power... drawing the nation to the edge of a police state."

Admitting there had been bribery and scandal in previous administrations including the one he served, Moyers said, however, that "this is the first time there has been such a



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETS—The opening session of the Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting this week in Portland, Oregon, attracted about 4500 Southern Baptist women from throughout the nation. The theme of the

annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Portland, Ore., this week, Mrs. Roy E. Snider (left), Camden, Ark., was re-elected recording secretary of the women's auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., was re-elected presi-

Ministers' Wives

Elect State Women

PORTLAND — William E. Hull, dean of the school of theology of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives here Tuesday that the Christian faith gives them a Magna Carta to be "women in Christ who happen to be married to a minister" rather than "ministers' wives."

Mrs. Claud Bowen of Greensboro, N. C., presided over the luncheon meeting which was planned by the vice-president, Mrs. Gilbert Skaar of Shelton, Wash.

Hull told the 200 women, "The New Testament says you are free; the walls are down; the veil of the temple is open, so make your own contribution."

Hull charged that exploitation of women is still crass and manipulative. "We pay our preacher's wife to be the kind of woman we are not willing to be," he said.

Asking the women not to be negative about this situation but to celebrate the real gains that have come, Hull praised them for having "kept alive the missionary flame when men were looking inward." He said women are the "heroes" of missions advance.

The luncheon crowd recognized officers who will serve the Conference of Ministers' Wives next year. They are president, Mrs. Roy Babb, Nashville, Tenn.; vice-president, Mrs. James Landes, Dallas; recording secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Charles Jolly, Madison, N. J.; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Emile Williams, Jonesboro, Ark.

They also elected a slate of officers to take charge in 1975. They are president, Mrs. Maurice Clayton, Jackson, Miss.; vice-president, Mrs. Conrad R. Willard, Miami, Fla.; recording secretary-treasurer, Mrs. B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Tex.; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, Miss.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Mississippi Baptists' executive secretary, presides on foreign missions night.



Annie Vallotton of Paris, France, illustrator of Today's English Version of the New Testament, presents Jesus as the way, the shepherd of the sheep, the light of the world.



The Foreign Mission Board presents a film underlining 25 exciting years of advance.



The Youth Choir of First Church, Abilene sings.

The Convention President Speaks

When I was first elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, I talked with Dr. Odle about this little column. At the time, we were not sure whether it would be weekly or not. As you know, I have used this space to try to inform you of the things I am knowledgeable about. Much of the space has been given to sharing information in regard to our executive secretary and Gulfshore.

This particular article is being written in advance because of my trip to the Bible Land. When you get these words, Dr. Bob Hamblin and I, along with a group we have gotten together, will be on tour. Therefore, there may be some news about some item that will be much fresher than what I might write about.

I just want to say, I covet for each person who does read this, a similar trip to the one we are taking. Each church ought to consider sending their pastor and his wife. Then many laymen and laywomen should entertain the idea of going. I can assure you, you will never be the same after such an experience. The Bible becomes a new book. You read it and visualize places at the same time, and this helps in understanding God's Word. — David Grant.



BOOK STORE BROWSER—A young lady attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, looks over the display for preschoolers at the Baptist book store exhibit at the Portland Coliseum.

Children At The SBC

By Tim Nicholas

PORTLAND, June 13 — For many of the children who accompanied their parents here to be outnumbered, outwalked, and outsize by the 3,000 adults, the Southern Baptist Convention is confusing. For some it's nothing more than a vacation or a boring time.

But these children can spout a surprising mixture of knowledge and misinformation about Southern Baptists — being confident in both.

The SBC is "a place where everybody comes to... well, about everybody," says Damon Wright, 10, of San Antonio, Tex. But as the purpose of the Convention, "That's a good question."

Jay Johnson, 5, of Ellensburg, Wash., admits he doesn't know the purpose of the Convention, but his brother Tom, 13 says it's a place to discuss things they need a lot "like getting money."

Tom is sure Southern Baptists got their name because they originated in the South, to differentiate them from certain other kinds of Baptists: "Bible Baptist, Conservative Baptist, First Baptist."

Jerry Poe, 10, and his sister Joyce, 9, of El Paso, Tex., agree on their definitions of pastor, preacher, and minister.

"A pastor has an invitation after he preaches; a preacher has just a speech, sort of, with no invitation after; and a minister goes out and talks to people who are unable to go to church."

Joyce has never been to a Southern Baptist Convention before, but she reflects the needs of a number of the children who "have to sit in those long meetings." She says "We need an all-

day camp for kids, like in Glorieta." For Dwight Smith, 8, of Clovis, Calif., the SBC is many things. "People working together nominating a vice-president and secretary, people preaching, having fun, and going witnessing." He simplifies the role of the messenger to "a person who sends messages to other people."

Most of the children have definite opinions; few answer anything with an "I don't know," even if they don't. Probably the best known answers to them are what they like and don't like about the Convention and how they would change it.

Marsha Hyatt, 9, of Huma, La., who says she's been to eight meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention thinks "the boring part is the business. You should make it all exhibits with more interesting stuff like women's lib. Don't tell my father I said that, she adds.

Kathy Richardson, 11, of Port Arthur, Tex., suggests a change to help other children who complain of long sessions.

"Just have the morning off the first day, the afternoon off the second, and the evening off the third day."

Is the Convention's Committee on Order of Business listening?

Lee County To Sponsor Crusade

An Evangelistic Crusade will be held June 24 through July 1 at the Mississippi-Alabama Fairgrounds in Tupelo. Sponsored by the Lee County Baptist Association, the services will begin each evening at 7:30.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Memphis will be the evangelist. Tom Larrimore of Jackson will be the evangelistic singer, and Ed Sudduth of Indianola will be the instrumentalist. The public is urged to attend.

Homecoming Ready At Mt. Creek (Rankin)

Homecoming will be held at Mt. Creek Baptist Church in Rankin County June 24, with Rev. Charles Hollifield, pastor of Morgantown, Natchez, to be the homecoming speaker at 10:45 a.m. There will also be lunch at 11:30 o'clock. Rev. Vance Dyess is pastor.

Choir Of Calvary, Jackson, To Present Concert

The Chapel Choir of Calvary Church, Jackson, will present a concert of sacred music Sunday, June 24 at the church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is part of an eight-day concert tour that takes the choir through several southeastern states covering in excess of 2,000 miles. The choir's destination is Ridgecrest, N. C., where they will participate in a Youth Choir Festival sponsored by the Church Music Department, SBC. Some 2,600 young people throughout the United States will join together in this event.

The Concert of Sacred Music will

include anthems of various styles and periods of church music such as a 1540 German Choral, "Lamb of God" by Christiansen; "With a Voice of Praise" from "Chandos Anthem No. 6" by Handel; anthems of Mozart, Haydn and contemporary composers. A portion of the program will include excerpts from the musical drama, "Celebrate Life" by Buryl Red. The Choir will also present several secular-popular numbers after the sacred program concludes.

Jon W. Blouin, Jr. is the director of music at Calvary and Dr. Joe H. Tuten is pastor. The public is invited.

seagull — fly high in Christ Jesus. The great wings of the Holy Spirit can be ours to lift us up and enable us to soar even into heavenly places. You can't get any higher than that, can you, Jonny?"

'Around the United States in fourteen days — that could be the topic of another story, for that's where I've been in the past two weeks. From Jackson to Chicago to Wisconsin to North Dakota to Montana to Washington, to British Columbia, to Oregon, to Idaho, to Utah, to Colorado, to Texas, to Mississippi — by train and boat and bus and plane.

except Victoria there were Southern Baptist churches. Yet the distances between the churches in the Northwest still are wide. The people of the Northwest work hard at sharing the Word with each other. Yet the challenge of the Northwest accelerates with each passing year. And so does the challenge of the Southeast. And the Northeast. And the Southwest. And the world.

I feel a great joy that I am a Christian, and a Southern Baptist. I feel a compelling urge to Share the Word Now.

'Share The Word Now': Convention Theme

(Continued from page 1)

Mt. Rainier are still the snow-crowned lords of the Cascade Range. The salmon still swim up the river, fighting the law of gravity to return to the place of their birth to lay their eggs and die. At Bonneville Dam, where the salmon leap up the ladders, a verse from Psalms has been carved on a rock: "The Lord on High is mightier than the noise of many waters... the strength of the hills is his also."

Though this is a time of change, it seems to me that Southern Baptists have not really changed very much. Their ways of dress may have changed, and the ways they wear their hair. When thousands of them get together, they may have as many opinions as there are people. From the least to the biggest, they are not afraid to express those opinions either: Every man is free to have his say. Yet underneath these varying opinions, their basic principles have not changed. This 116th Convention reminded me of some wonderful Baptist meetings I attended 25 years ago.

When the former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention were lined up across the stage, I caught my breath in awe. Such a group of greats side by side I might never see again! R. G. Lee, J. D. Grey, W. A. Criswell, Brooks Hays, H. H. Hobbs, Wayne Dehoney, K. O. White, Franklin Paschall. As was to be expected, Mississippi's Owen Cooper presided over this year's sessions with a smoothness and skill seldom matched.

"Share the Word Now" was the theme that shone through all the sermons, the special features, the exhibits, the posters.

"Share the Word Now" in foreign missions: Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Mississippi, Foreign Mission Board president, presided on foreign missions night. Two hundred furloughing missionaries in the national dress of their adopted countries sent a thrill to the very depths of my being as they marched into the Coliseum, to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and carrying the flags of many nations. I am sure that most of the hundred in that hall felt the same as I. The 200 missionaries were dressed in bright African cottons, heavy Middle Eastern embroideries, shimmering Asian brocades, and lush Latin American weaves. Dr. Baker Cauthen reported that the missions force has increased from 600 to more than 2,500 since the FMB launched an advance program in 1948. "We have a place for 800 new missionaries this hour," he told the messengers. Dr. Cauthen believes that the door to China will be open again soon.

Mission Board officials introduced 21 of the 200 new missionaries they expect to go to their fields in 1973. The appointees include a surgeon, a physician, musicians, a civil engineer, school administrators, preachers, nurses, and business managers. They are enroute to Colombia, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, Senegal, Togo, Ethiopia, and India.

Nilson Fanini, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, thanked the messengers for their investment of 225 missionaries in his country. Earlier in the week he had spoken at the Woman's Missionary Union meeting on the subject, "Just Look What We Have Started." From the first five-member Baptist church in Brazil in 1882, Fanini said that Brazilian Baptists are expecting to number one million by their centennial in 1982.

"Share the Word Now" in home missions! The traditional home missions night of the convention was climaxed with the performance of "Joy," the first home missions musical drama. Colorfully clad youth choirs of First Baptist Church, El Paso, and Mill Park and Holgate Baptist Churches in Portland made up

the cast. They performed before a splash of projected images of the "scenes, saints, and sinners" of home missions. "Go into the world today," they sang. "And share the Christian faith. Share the happiness, the joy, the peacefulness they seek."

"Share the Word Now" — A statement issued by the Christian Life Commission advocated the sharing of the Word in family life, in race relations, in special moral concerns, in economics and daily work, in citizenship. W. M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary, in an address to the convention reminded his listeners that "Jesus went around doing good instead of putting up posters advertising his preaching engagements on the mountain." Pinson suggested that Southern Baptists experiment with new approaches and methods in sharing the gospel.

Though these are times of change, one fact most definitely has not changed. Mississippians are very much in evidence in roles of leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention. Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, president of the Convention, spoke at the Religious Education Conference, and delivered the President's Address to the SBC. Rev. and Mrs. James Yates, pastor and wife, First Church, Yazoo City, presented special music at the Tuesday morning session. Lewis Nobles, president, Mississippi College, read the scripture on Tuesday evening. Gerald Buckley, pastor of West Heights, Pontotoc, led the benediction on Tuesday afternoon. Dotson Nelson, native of Mississippi, preached the Convention Sermon on Wednesday morning. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Mississippi native, brought the devotional meditations at every session. Ministers' wives elected Mrs. Maurice Clayton of Jackson as president — elect to take charge in 1975 and Mrs. P. A. Michel of Brookhaven as corresponding secretary. At their annual luncheon meeting, New Orleans Seminary alumni presented their annual Alumni Award to Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations at William Carey. Eva Aultman of Oxford, daughter of Pastor Howard Aultman of Columbia, was featured soloist at one session. Dr. Hudgins, as already noted, presided on Foreign Mission night. Brooks Wes-

ter of Hattiesburg presented part of the Executive Committee report. These and other Mississippians were very much a part of this 116th convention.

Women at the SBC

The Woman's Missionary Union meeting June 10 and 11 followed the theme, "Behold, All Things Are Made New." An Alabama woman, Mrs. T. Marshall Collins, Jr., chose the topic, "Just Ask a Woman," for her devotional meditations. "In this day of liberation," she said, a valid question should be: When all women are rushed and pushed from family obligations, church responsibilities and social needs, is there value in time-consuming women's organization in the church? Christian women can answer this only in light of our understanding of the true liberation granted us through Christ and of His commission to us. For in this world of change, one thought still rings true. Things have changed, but God never changes.

"Women in today's world have a unique opportunity for expressing this love through service to others. Because... in Christ we are made new, made free... then our thoughts and ambitions are no longer focused on ourselves but on Christ and through Him, on others.

"Because women are needed, because we have distinctive contributions to make, because we frequently require specialized schedules, because we enjoy each other's company and draw strength from each other, WMU remains a strategic necessity in the world missions picture. Woman's Missionary Union provides a constant in this world of change."

Significant to the City of Roses, ushers for the women's meeting wore long dresses, printed with red roses.

Miss Alma Hunt told of her visit to Yemen and of seeing there many women wearing veils. Among the black veils she saw two pastel-colored veils. "These I supposed to be in connection with the Women's Lib movement of Yemen," she quipped.

Women were both seen and heard in the main convention, as well as at the WMU meet. In fact, it was a resolution introduced by a woman that inserted a bit of controversy into what was a rather routine convention.

Kenneth Chafin started the whole thing on Sunday evening when he urged the Christian women to remember that they are the only truly liberated women and called on WMU to "redig the well of your feminine identity as an aggressive organization of the women and girls in the church."

On Tuesday at the SBC, Mrs. Richard Sappington, Texas pastor's wife, in recognition of Christian women's role in today's society, introduced a resolution spotlighting women as they serve God and their husbands in providing Christian homes. Her resolution repeated words Kenneth Chafin had used in mentioning the "redigging of the old wells of mission promotion." Also it criticized the "great attack by the members of most Women's Liberation movements upon scriptural precepts of the woman's place in society."

On Thursday, when discussion of the resolution came up, Mrs. Sappington threw fuel on hidden fires when she stood to protest failure of the SBC resolutions committee to adopt the wording of her original resolution.

She insisted that the messengers reaffirm God's order of authority for his church and the Christian home, which she listed as "Christ the head of every man, man the head of the woman, and the children in subjection to their parents in the Lord." She insisted that "man was not made for the woman but the woman for the man, that the woman is the glory of the man and that woman would not have existed without man, henceforth, neither would man have existed without the woman. They are dependent — one upon the other — to the glory of God."

The resolutions committee had changed the wording of Mrs. Sappington's first resolution so that it asked convention messengers to "give full recognition to women in leadership roles in church and denominational life." Mrs. Sappington felt that this was just the opposite of her traditionalist view and therefore asked the messengers to substitute her resolution for the one given by the resolutions committee.

By standing vote, the messengers upheld Mrs. Sappington's views — but not until quite a few opinions had been voiced!

Then, to cap the whole episode, the Portland newspaper, The Oregonian, came out with the misleading front page headlines: "Baptists Give Support To Male Superiority." The opening paragraph said, "The Southern Baptist Convention Thursday rejected a committee resolution giving women leadership roles in the church and approved a statement supporting male superiority." Of course this was not what the convention did.

On involvement of women, Mr. Cooper answered a question in news conference. He advocated more women in top leadership roles of the SBC, saying, "There seems to be some difficulty in Southern gentlemen stepping aside and letting them take places of responsibility."

I am inclined to agree with Mr. Cooper.

Two women were featured on the closing night's Share-the-Word Celebration. Annie Vallotton of Paris, illustrator of Today's English Version of the New Testament, did sketches of New Testament scenes as portions of the program were read.

Clawson, now Mrs. Ragan Courtois of Little Rock, soloist and television entertainer, sang. Her presentation of "There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood" reached to the heights of the Coliseum's highest rafters and to the depths of her listeners' inmost beings.

Share the Word Now! The Thursday evening celebration came to a close with a brief service of commitment led by Ralph H. Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Church in Houston.

Mr. Langley said, "Let the word go out from this point in the Pacific Northwest — go out to every corner



BAPTISTS SING—Southern Baptist pastors and their wives throughout the nation join in congregational singing at the morning session of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference held in Portland, Oregon, this week.

God's Laws Provide For Work, Rest, Worship

Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28;
Luke 4:16-23; 14:1-6; Hebrews 10:25
By Clifton J. Allen

God's laws for man combine provision for work, rest, and worship. The person who incorporates these values and obligations into his life purpose and life practice — assuming of course that they are to be kept in proper balance — faces a bright prospect for inner peace and constructive achievement. The Fourth Commandment, in a particular way, related to God's activity at the time of creation and to God's deliverance of his people from bondage to Egypt. The observance of this commandment was meant to be a sign of their covenant relationship with the Lord. But we must turn to the teachings of Jesus to gain fuller understanding of the purpose of the sabbath. That purpose and Jesus' observance of the sabbath are properly transferable to the Christian observance of the Lord's Day and the values of work and rest and worship.



The Lesson Explained Remember the Sabbath Day Exodus 20:8-11

This injunction indicated the divine intention that the sabbath was to be a special day. It was to be observed in a way to show that it was holy, that is, set apart uniquely in recognition of God. The detail which amplifies the meaning and purpose of the commandment calls for both work and rest. The obligation to work is as binding as the obligation to rest. It should be noted that the commandment related to the entire work force — children and slaves and the stranger, or outsider, and cattle. All this emphasizes the necessity for rest to balance the obligation to work. Work is a necessity, not only as a means of providing for a means of livelihood for oneself and his family, but also for purposeful activity that utilizes God-given energy and ability. Rest is

a necessity for the renewal of strength, for relaxation and reflection, and for recognition of God as the Lord of life.

The Purpose of the Sabbath Mark 2:23-28

Jewish tradition and teaching had added hundreds of regulations about specific things that could be done or could not be done on the sabbath. This explains why Jesus was criticized for ignoring some regulations about the sabbath in his concern for the health and well-being of persons, even on the sabbath. The Pharisees accused the disciples of Jesus of breaking the sabbath by plucking ears of grain. They pulled the heads of stalks of small grain and rubbed these in their hands to get rid of the husks so that they could eat the grain itself. They were thus accused of threshing grain or working. This shows the ridiculous way the law of the sabbath could be abused. Jesus answered their criticism by reminding them of David, honored and respected by all of the Jews, who with some of his followers

went into the house of God and ate bread restricted for the use of the priests in order to satisfy their hunger. In other words, Jesus was saying that man and his needs were more important than a formal or legalistic observance of the day. Jesus went beyond that and claimed to be Lord of the sabbath.

Jesus exercised his lordship over the sabbath by doing good on the sabbath. He did not ignore its purpose as a day of rest, but he interpreted this purpose in terms of the well-being of people, both physical and spiritual.

Jesus' Example of Worship Luke 4:16

This verse declares that attendance on the synagogue service on the sabbath was a habit or regular practice of Jesus. When Jesus grew up in Nazareth, he attended the synagogue; and we may assume that, whenever feasible, he attended the synagogue service on the sabbath during his active ministry. His involvement in worship was an expression of his full

humanity or a declaration of his sense of need for God, of trust in God, of desire to praise God, and of joy in fellowship with the people of God. In the role of his humanity, Jesus found worship indispensable to his hunger for spiritual realities, his need for spiritual renewal, and his purpose to fulfill his redemptive mission on earth.

Jesus' example of worship may well be remembered as we think of him as the object of worship. His resurrection on the first day of the week led to the practice of the early Christian community to observe the first day of the week as a special day of worship. They did this not on the basis of a specific command but, we may surely believe, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. And the first day of the week came to be called the Lord's Day, the day that became for Christians their day of worship in recognition of the resurrection of Christ and of his being in deepest reality their living Lord. And thus Christ, in perfect oneness with God our Father, is the object of worship for all who believe in him.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Fullness Of Life

Matthew 5:48; John 10:10;
Philippians 3:7-16
By Bill Duncan

Billy Graham one day received a letter from a prisoner in a southern state penitentiary. He said: "I am a lifer, and for ten years I have been dreaming and planning for the day when I could escape this horrible place. But our plans for escape were almost complete when last Sunday a man in the cell next to me turned his radio to the



Hour of Decision. I could not help but listen. My soul was stirred with memories of mother and home. I began to realize how far I had wandered from Mother's teachings. I remembered the little Baptist church we used to attend, and some of the sermons preached in the old revival meetings

came thundering back to my memory."

"While Mr. Shea was singing 'Softly and Tenderly' at the close of the sermon, I knelt in my cell and sobbed my confession to God. My heart was strangely warmed, and for the first time in my life, I felt the presence of God. I knew I had been what you call 'born again.' I have discarded my plans for escape because I realize that God can use me right here in this prison to help others find the wonderful peace that I have in Christ."

There are millions who need to find the fullness of life as did this prisoner. Many of these are hardened sinners who have been caught in sin. But many more are "free" to be respected citizens who do not know happiness and fulfillment in anything. They need the fullness of life that Jesus offers for only faith in Him.

Belief Makes Demands

As you read the gospels, you will never find one occasion when Jesus spoke harshly to a sinner. Instead, in the fallen, he saw new possibilities and he invited that one into the new way. Sometimes it is hard to accept His belief in us, because it is, a very demanding thing.

Jesus looks at each believer and says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." We know that Jesus looks at us and expects the very best. He demands more than we are willing to give. Too many times we respond by saying, "It's my life; I will live it as I please."

But Christ for all these years has been reaching out to men and expressing His belief in men, and the fact of his belief has been like magic that has changed more lives than anything else. His belief gives men a purpose, something to live for.

A tornado swept through a town in which a paralyzed mother lay confined to her bed. When the tornado struck she was at home along with her two small children. The need of her children was stronger than the paralysis of her legs. Slowly she got up; painfully she walked into the next room and taking her children by the hand walked them out of the house. Being a mother in a time of danger gave her a sense of mission that was strong enough to overcome her limitations.

He gives us a purpose in life and He believes we can fulfill that purpose.

His belief becomes a magic force that makes weak men strong, failing men triumphant, and bad men good.

Friendship, McComb Has Groundbreaking

The membership of the Friendship Church, McComb, had a groundbreaking ceremony recently to begin their new facility, which will house not only educational space but also a recreational area.

Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor, explained the many activities of the new building. C. E. Jackson, Sr., chairman of the building committee, read scripture. J. M. White, chairman of the deacons, led in prayer. Jack Jackson, chairman of the activities committee and Nic Fitzgerald chairman of the finance committee, turned the first spadeful of dirt.

The new building will be some one hundred by one hundred and twenty-five feet. There will be interior space for twenty-eight classrooms, a full size gym with permanent bleachers and dressing rooms beneath the bleachers. A large kitchen and banquet area together with a conference room and a prayer room are also included. The new building will be a steel structure at a cost of approximately \$100,000 and is to be erected on the east side of the present educational building and connected to the present facility by a covered walkway.

Homecoming Set For Arlington (Lincoln)

Homecoming services will be held at Arlington Church in Lincoln Association July 1. Sunday School at 10:00, worship at 11:00 a.m., with dinner on the grounds to follow. Rev. Daniel Carter, former pastor, will preach at 11:00 a.m. hour. Emphasis will be given to raising funds for building program. Rev. Bob Wilson is pastor.

Where will YOU spend eternity? It's up to you.

Some people throw their tongues into high gear before they get their brains going.

After looking at the earth for six days we need the Sabbath in which to look up.

Evangelistic Rally Set Madison Church

On Sunday, June 24, at Madison Baptist Church, Evangelist Tommy Winters will preach. His wife, Diane will be the featured soloist for the day. She has one record album, "Reach Out To Jesus".

He has been associated with the Richard Hogue Evangelistic Association and Bob Harrington, Chaplain of Burbon Street.

He will preach and she will sing in both the 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. services. The Sunday evening service will be a special Youth Rally. Rev. Billy McKay is pastor.



PRESIDENTIAL GREETING

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Nixon greets Dr. William R. Tolbert with an embrace as the Liberian president arrives at the White House. Dr. Tolbert was visiting Washington as part of a 20-day tour of the U. S. during which the ordained Baptist minister will participate in many religious activities. The 60-year-old president of the West African nation founded by freed American slaves is the grandson of South Carolina slaves who sought refuge in Liberia following the Civil War. — RNS Photo.

President Tolbert Of Liberia Visits Offices Of BWA

WASHINGTON — The protocol of the United States paused Wednesday to allow the president of the Republic of Liberia to spend an hour with his friends at the headquarters office of the Baptist World Alliance.

William R. Tolbert, who was president of the Baptist World Alliance 1965-70 while serving as vice president of his African country, squeezed the visit in between a state luncheon at the U. S. State Department and a dinner in which he received a Humanitarian Award.

"I am away from you only in body," Dr. Tolbert told the BWA official staff in expressing regrets that his Liberian duties had interrupted his once frequent visits to the Washington office. "I am with you spiritually at all times, and I commend you for all you are doing to reconcile the world to Christ."

Dr. and Mrs. Tolbert led an entourage of about 20 Liberian and American officials up the two flights of stairs to the office of Robert S. Denny, general secretary of BWA. They paused in the hallway to view a portrait of Tolbert, painted during his presidency of the Alliance.

Dr. V. Carney Hargroves, of Philadelphia who succeeded Dr. Tolbert as president of BWA, and Dr. Denny both spoke words of welcome and confidence to the head of the Liberian state. Dr. Denny presented him with a Bible with an inscription signed by members of the Alliance's secretarial staff, and Dr. Hargroves led

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in a prayer of gratitude for international Christian brotherhood and of supplication for divine leadership in both religious and governmental affairs.

Dr. Tolbert is spending 20 days in the United States. He was the honored guest of President Nixon at a White House dinner on Tuesday evening and spoke at the National Press Club in Washington on Thursday noon. He also is speaking at worship services in three American churches during his stay.

At home in Liberia, Dr. Tolbert has continued — even as president — to be pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist Church in Banta City, his home town, and president of the Liberian National Missionary and Educational Convention.

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Former FMB Head, Howard Jenkins, Dies

RICHMOND (BP) — L. Howard Jenkins, who served as president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board until 1962, died here June 9. Jenkins, a retired book publisher, was 90.

Funeral services were held June 11 at the headquarters of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Officiating was Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, where Jenkins was a member for 72 years.

Thompson was assisted by Theodore F. Adams, pastor emeritus of the Richmond church, and George W. Sadler, emeritus missionary and former board executive.

An additional memorial service was held for Jenkins in Portland during the board's annual Conference of Furloughing Missionaries.

During his tenure as president, the board climbed out of a million dollar debt into an era of financial soundness, said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Jenkins became president of the board during the darkest days of the depression and financial indebtedness, Cauthen said.

Jenkins rotated off the board in 1963, after serving more than 48 year on the board. During that time, the board's overseas staff grew from 316 to 1,685 missionaries, and its home office staff grew from three to 125.

He worked with five of the eight executive secretaries in the board's 128-year history, and in five of the eight headquarters offices the board has occupied.

Jenkins was a former trustee for the University of Richmond and a deacon and former Sunday School superintendent at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

A native of Richmond, Jenkins attended McGuire University School and after classes and on weekends worked at the book bindery in which his father was a partner.

Cemetery To Be Inclosed

Midway Baptist Church, Newton County, Rev. Ray Foster, Pastor, has voted to put a new chain link fence around the Midway cemetery at a cost of approximately \$700. The church is asking that those who have relatives buried there, who would like to contribute to this cause, send their contributions to W. T. McMullan or Mrs. Albert McDowell of Route 1, Newton.

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Devotional

The Things That Matter

III. Like Education — II Timothy 4:13b

"...when thou comest, bring with thee, . . . the books."

By Tommy Baddley, pastor, First, Brandon

Particularly in the month just passed, our consciousness of education has been regularly jolted by the regular arrival of those formal white envelopes containing invitations to graduation exercises. A larger percentage of this present generation will complete at least their high school course of study than those of any preceding generation. Not only will there be a larger percentage of the group, but they will possess more knowledge than any preceding group of graduates in the continuing improvement of our educational content and methods.

As our younger children bring home first and second grade homework that we didn't have until the fifth or sixth grade, we sit amazed. In fact the awesomeness sometimes leaves us with our mouths dropped open. And so we sit.

We even sit in awe or in boredom when the preacher uses big words that we do not understand. And rather than admitting our ignorance by later questioning what he meant; or by trying to "dig it out" ourselves, we cover by complaining that "he's too deep." Consequently we encourage our preachers into laziness in preaching down rather than trying to lift up. Or we leave him totally frustrated.

"Continuing education" is a contemporary term usually referring to a formal, credited classroom type of study. But, some of the best read, most well informed people that I know have never darkened the door of a college classroom. They have "continued" their education in a personal quest to be well informed and well equipped.

Paul called for his books. Study at the feet of Gamaliel had whetted his appetite to continue to grow intellectually. Whether we have completed only the third grade or have received three degrees, we must recognize and respond to God's intent in giving us minds and materials with which we can develop tools to be used in Kingdom work.

It's amazing how much just one important secular book can do for you. Get a dictionary and use it. Take notes on sermons and look up those words you don't recognize. You'll not only find out what they mean, you'll find how to spell them.

Let us not become or remain satisfied with what little knowledge we have accumulated thus far, nor just with that which we "pick up" along the way. But, let's improve our minds and our abilities. Bring the books!



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State Men Graduate From Golden Gate

MILL VALLEY, Cal. — Tom E. Prevost, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Prevost of Hazlehurst, and Coleman Chong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Chong of Ita Bena, were graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary June 8, both with the master of divinity degree. Dr. William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, was the speaker for graduation exercises.

Immanuel (Natchez) Adds Staffer

Immanuel Baptist Church of Natchez welcomes Don Moore as minister of music. He is a native of Anguilla and comes from First Baptist Church of Aberdeen.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Baptist Seminary. The Moores have three children: Lisa 10, Richard 8, and Lara 5. Mrs. Moore is the former Margie Palmer of Jackson.

While in Aberdeen, Mr. Moore directed a fully graded choir program with a strong emphasis on youth. The youth choir took six tours. In addition, Mr. Moore has made three mission tours.

Names In The News

Steve Wilkes from Gadsden, Alabama resumed duties as assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, West Point on June 4. He graduated from the University of Alabama in May 1973 where he majored in political science. He is married to the former Carol Cameron of Gadsden, Alabama.

Rev. Joel E. Haire is pastor of the First Baptist Church in West Point.



Sunday afternoon June 6 a Golden Age Tea honoring their senior members was held at Highland Baptist Church in Jackson. Mrs. Nettie Finley was escorted to the honorary chair arch enlaced with ivy and giant yellow mums. A "This Is Your Life" program followed with Mrs. Finley's fellow members, friends, and family honoring her. She is the eldest member and still takes part in many activities at Highland. After the program the guests moved to the tables to be served. The yellow and green color scheme was beautifully carried out in the tiered cake, sandwiches, and mints. After being served and a time of fellowship, there was an early church service in the sanctuary. Rev. Sam Creel, pastor.

Dr. William Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, was the speaker for the commencement June 8 at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. He was for several years pastor of First Church Gulfport.



Charles Clark (left), manager of the Jackson Baptist Book Store, and Mrs. Louise Lockhart, film center operator in that store, listen to Jay O. Turner (right), manager of the central stores department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division, during a recent training conference for those involved in Baptist Film Centers in Nashville. Shown with Clark and Mrs. Lockhart is Robert Mendenhall, manager of the Atlanta, Ga. store.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has been awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by the University of Richmond. University president E. Bruce Heilman made the presentation during May commencement ceremonies on the local campus. Earlier Cauthen delivered the baccalaureate address.

Dr. Craig Whitlock, associate professor and head of the physics department at Mississippi College, attended a National Science Foundation-sponsored short course at Northern Illinois University June 4-5. He was joined by other physics teachers from around the country as they studied "Frontiers in High Energy Physics."

Charles A. Ray Jr., son of missionary associates to Thailand, was married May 26 to Ethel Sheryl Smith at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. The groom's father, a Texan, was born in Fort Worth and also lived in Dallas and Breckenridge while growing up. His mother is the former Mary Elizabeth Gilbert of Mississippi.

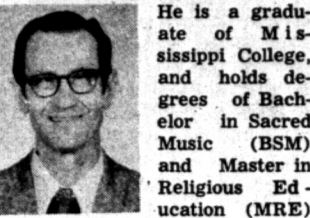
Miss Betty Williams, a member of 38th Avenue Baptist Church, and a resident of Hattiesburg is working this summer with the First Baptist Church of East Hartford, Conn.



Baptist Seminary in Church Music work.

Thomas B. Browne has been named manager of the laundry of the Baptist Hospital, according to Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator. Browne has managed laundries in Huntsville, Ala., and has processed linen for the Army hospitals at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., and at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Jimmy McCaleb has been called to be Minister of Music and Youth at 38th Avenue Church in Hattiesburg effective June 1.



He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and holds degrees of Bachelor in Sacred Music (BSM) and Master in Religious Education (MRE) from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has just retired from active duty with the U. S. Air Force. For the past year he has been Minister of Music of the First Baptist Church, Westminster, Colorado. For four and one-half years he was the minister of music for the Hansboro Church, Gulfport.

Rodney K. Smith, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Owen R. Smith of Gulfport, formerly of Forest, enrolled in New Orleans Baptist Seminary June 4, in preparation for full Gospel ministry. A graduate in 1969 at Harrison Central High School, he was president of the senior class and received the American Legion Good Citizenship Award. He was licensed to preach by the Olivet Baptist Church April 29, 1973. He is available for service in the Lord's Kingdom and can be contacted at the Seminary or at 155 Gary Street, Gulfport, Phone 832-1498.

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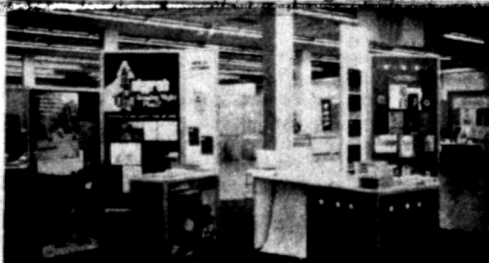
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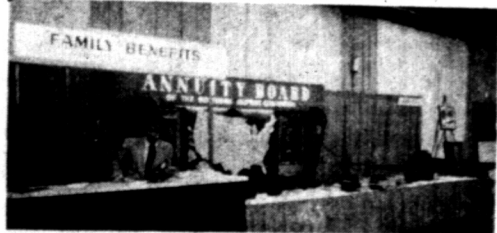
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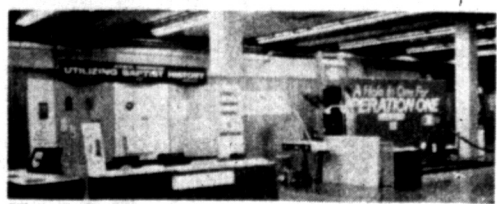
Lewis White, former Mississippian, in day camp display



Annuity Board display, John Boskas in booth



Radio-Television



Historical Commission at left; Stewardship display at right. The Stewardship Commission launched the program, "Operation One,"—hence the golf display, "A Hole in One."

Last Rites Held For A. A. Kitchings, Former Educator

Last rites were held on June 13 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Chapel in Jackson for Dr. A. A. Kitchings, of Clinton, who died on June 11 at Baptist Hospital in Jackson following an extended illness.

Dr. Kitchings, 85, was well-known in Mississippi and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for his interest in higher education and the welfare of students.

He was a native of Scott County, a member of a pioneer Mississippi family and had lived in Clinton for the past 41 years.

Dr. Kitchings had been one of the most faithful supporters of Mississippi College since receiving his B. A. degree with distinction there in 1917.

For the past 30 years, he has helped some young person attend the college through two scholarships he provided.

He taught at Mississippi College for 28 years and was the head of the Foreign Language department.

In 1969, Dr. Kitchings was selected as the outstanding alumnus of the college.

He received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Mississippi and his Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

He did additional graduate work at Chicago University, Tulane, University of Maryland, University of Colorado and Louisiana State University. Dr. Kitchings, who began teaching at the age of 20, taught for 65 years. Ordained to preach at the age of 27, he spent 58 years in the ministry all but three of those years he was either the regular or interim pastor for some Baptist Church.

Dr. Kitchings is survived by his wife, the former Beulah Mudd, of Clinton, five children: attorney Atley Kitchings, Jr., of Birmingham; Dr. Harold Kitchings, of Kosciusko; Dr. John Kitchings, of Jackson; Dr. Ben Kitchings, of Long Beach; Mrs. Grace Hannah of Atlanta, and two sisters, Mrs. Nova James, of Morton, and Mrs. Johnnie Davis, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and fourteen grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. L. Dudley Wilson of Jackson and Rev. Wm. E. Hardy of Kosciusko. Interment followed in Clinton cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Leland



West Laurel To Dedicate New Rodgers Organ

During the evening service on Sunday, June 24, the West Laurel Baptist Church will dedicate its Rodgers 990 Electronic Organ, one of the three largest electronic organs in the State. It is a three-manual instrument with anti-phonal speakers in the balcony and sounds almost identical to a good pipe organ.

A dedicatory recital will be presented by Billy R. Trotter who is an assistant professor of music on the faculty at Mississippi College, where he is official college organist.

The organist at West Laurel for the past 20 years is Mr. Armon Brewer, and, recently a Sunday was set aside in his honor. Over \$4,000 was given to the Organ Fund on that day. Pastor at West Laurel is Rev. D. J. Benson.

All friends and former members are invited to attend this occasion.

Revival Dates

Magnolia Park, Jackson: June 24-29; Rev. Sam Creel, pastor, Highland, Jackson, evangelist; Ricky Buffington, singer; Pat Collins, pianist; Melissa Williams, organist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Rev. Jasper Collins, pastor.

Wade Church, Pascagoula: June 24-29. Rev. Rex Yancy, evangelist, headquarters in Tupelo; Larry D. Smith, Jr., of Birmingham, Dr. Harold Kitchings, of Kosciusko; Dr. John Kitchings, of Jackson; Dr. Ben Kitchings, of Long Beach; Mrs. Grace Hannah of Atlanta, and two sisters, Mrs. Nova James, of Morton, and Mrs. Johnnie Davis, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and fourteen grandchildren.

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lead the singing with Wayne Parker at the Organ. Services at 7:00 P.M. nightly, except Sunday at 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Rev. J. F. Parker, Pastor.

Hebron Church, Grenada: June 22-24; Rev. Joe Anderson, McAdams Church, evangelist; Wayne Polk, Emanuel Church, singer; services at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday morning; Rev. W. P. Miley, pastor.

Parkway, Houston July 23-29. Evangelist, Rev. C. W. Thompson, Florence, Ala.; music, Danny Cook, Parkway, Ala.; Rev. J. F. Parker, Pastor.

Northside, Vicksburg: July 1-6; Rev. Lawrence Baylot, pastor of First Church, Jennings, Louisiana, evangelist; Harry Thornton of Vicksburg, singer; Rev. Glenn B. Wright, pastor.

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PORTLAND, June 14 — The Home in its category.

Winners in the same category day took top honors in competition of the Church Services and Materials Division of the Sunday School Convention here.

The Baptist Public Relations Association, sponsors for the annual competition, awarded the best of show award to the mission board for its exhibit "Crossing Barriers with the Gospel." The exhibit also took first place

Other first place winners were Woman's Missionary Union for its exhibit "From Haystacks to Skylabs," and the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission for its display, award.

Second place awards were presented to the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and the Brotherhood Commission.

Third place awards went to the Radio and Television Commission and to California Baptist College. The Seminary Extension Department received a special honor award.